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SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TONGA

REF: (A) STATE 40976, (B) SUVA 387

1. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF. B, THAT IS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH TONGA. AS YOU WELL KNOW, I HAVE LONG ADVOCATED THE APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN FIJI WHO WOULD BE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TONGA. I APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ENCOUNTERED IN ATTEMPTING TO ACCREDIT THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO TONGA AS WELL AS TO FIJI, AND UNTIL THOSE DIFFICULTIES ARE RESOLVED, I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT I SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ACCREDITED TO TONGA. ALSO, IF THE DEPARTMENT FEELS IT WILL BE HELPFUL, I WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN I AM IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE.

2. SINCE I CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS HAVING TO DO WITH TONGA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS (REF. A), IT IS CLEAR TO ME, AND I TRUST TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUVA AND THE DEPARTMENT, THAT ALL OTHER ACTIVITY THERE IS AND SHOULD BE UNDER MY JURISDICTION. THE DEPARTMENT'S AFFIRMATION OF THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEW AID REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY IN SUVA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ALSO FOR AID PROJECTS IN TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA. NEEDLESS

TO SAY, I WILL EXPECT THAT AID ACTIVITIES IN THE
COUNTRIES TO WHICH I AM ACCREDITED BE FULLY CLEARED
WITH ME. SELDEN

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